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1. Japanese Patent Disclosure (KOKAI) 2000-66585A discloses a basic data masking method. The relevance of this document is also discussed at pages 2 and 8 of the specification of the present application.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Kawamura et al.; "ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION APPARATUS, ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION METHOD, AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR", U.S. Patent Application No. 09/377,064, filed August 19, 1999

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